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CONTROL.
IT IS SUCH A SIMPLE THING TO LOSE.
ONE MOMENT YOU THINK YOU HAVE IT...
...AND THE NEXT...
THEY DID WHAT?!
CASE IN POINT: PETER GYRICH.
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STAN LEE PROUDLY PRESENTS:
FIRST
AVENGER'S ISLAND, MANHATTAN.
THE LABORATORY OF Dr. HENRY PYM.
THEY, um, ADMITTED A NEW MEMBER.
A GOD, ACTUALLY.
OR SUPPOSEDLY, I GUESS.
UNDER WHOSE AUTHORITY, SELLARS?
CAPTAIN AMERICA.
A GOD.
WHO DO THESE PEOPLE THINK THEY ARE?
THAT WOULD BE, um --
-- CAPTAIN AMERICA'S.
PATCH ME THROUGH TO COLONEL FURY.
NOW.

BLOOD
HOW LONG HAS HE BEEN UNDER THERE?
AT THAT WEIGHT? ELEVEN HOURS AND FOURTEEN MINUTES.
Dr. PYM, ISN'T THERE A MORE EFFICIENT WAY TO TEST THE MAN'S STRENGTH--?
THIS WAS A COMPROMISE. HE WANTED TO... HOW DID HE PUT IT?
"PLUNDER A VILLAGE."
Oh.
CURIOUS.
THERE IS NO KNOWN METAL IN THE PERIODIC TABLE TO CLASSIFY THIS...
...HAMMER.
DO YOU CONCUR, ULTRON?
IT'S "ULTRON 2"-VISION.
THIS UNIT HAS >SKREEK< MADE SELF IMPROVEMENTS SINCE WE LAST SPOKE.
DO YOU LIKE MY OPPOSABLE THUMBS?
THUMBS?
AND YOU DID THIS ON YOUR OWN?
OF COURSE. DR. PYM, OUR FATHER, GAVE ME THAT CAPABILITY.
CAN'T YOU?
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ACTUALLY...
ENOUGH!
THOU HAST THE THUNDER GOD IN THY MIDST.
NOT SOME OX FOR THEE TO PUT A YOKE UPON!
DR. PYM!
RIGHT.
THAT'LL BE ALL FOR TODAY.

AT THAT MOMENT...
HENRI'S ON FIFTH AVENUE.
I...
...I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH BEAUTIFUL CLOTHES...
...EXCEPT IN A MAGAZINE.
WEIRD.
I KNOW I HAVEN'T BEEN TO THIS PLACE... BUT SOMEHOW... IT SEEMS SO FAMILIAR...
HENRI!
HENRI. I WAS JUST IN HERE, YESTERDAY.
Ms. VAN DYNE. YOU'VE BEEN AWAY FAR TOO LONG.
LIKE I SAID. TOO LONG.
WELL, I'VE BROUGHT YOU A REAL CHALLENGE.
MY FRIEND, WANDA. FRESH OUT OF SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS.
THEY DON'T STILL BURN THEIR WITCHES, DO THEY?
Um. NO.
AND HELLCAT.
I'M IN YOUR HANDS, HENRI.
BUT, I WON'T WEAR FUR.
SUDDENLY...
RUN! RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!
WE'RE BEING INVADED!
Oh, DEAR.
SHOULDN'T YOU BE CHANGING INTO YOUR COSTUME --
-- OR YOUR FIGHTING TOGS OR WHATEVER IT IS THEY CALL THEM.
NOT THIS GIRL, HENRI.
MY... ASSOCIATES CAN MORE THAN HANDLE IT.

AVENGERS ISLAND.
COMIN' AT YA, PAL.
FZZNG
SWISH
SWATCH
LUCKY SON OF A --
FZZNG
SWACK
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH LUCK, HAWKEYE.
PRACTICE MAKES --
YEAH, YEAH. YOU'RE STARTIN' TA SOUND LIKE FURY, SWORDSMAN.
OR WORSE, CAP.

WHAT A SURPRISE.
YOU HAVING A PROBLEM WITH AUTHORITY FIGURES.
I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH AUTHORITY.
AS LONG AS THEY PUT ME IN CHARGE.
HMMMMMMMM
NEARBY.
INSIDE PYM'S LAB.
THOU DOST TRY MY VERY PATIENCE.
I JOINED YOUR BAND OF WARRIORS TO DO BATTLE AND TAKE THE SPOILS OF --
-- AND NO ONE KNOWS WHAT IT IS LIKE TO BE OUT OF HIS ELEMENT --
-- OUT OF HIS OWN TIME --
-- MORE THAN ME. BUT, THIS IS THE TWENTIETH CENTURY, THOR, AND WE HAVE A DIFFERENT CODE OF --
YOU HAVE ONE INCOMING CALL.
CAP. IT'S FROM YOUR FAVORITE PERSON ON THE PLANET.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?
FURY.
DON'T GET YOUR PANTIES IN AN UPROAR, PATRIOT.
YOU STILL WORK FOR THE U.S. OF A.
AND FOR NOW, THAT'S ME.
CAP! THERE'S A SPACESHIP THE SIZE OF NEW JERSEY OUT --
-- STAND DOWN, HAWKEYE.
ONE THING AT A TIME.
THE BOWMAN'S RIGHT, YA YAHOOS.
WE'VE GOT A FULL BLOWN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT --
-- IN MANHATTAN AIRSPACE.
WHAT HAPPENED HERE?
THOR.
AGAIN?
AND WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO DO ABOUT IT, FURY?
EXACTLY.
I DON'T LIKE --
I AIN'T INTERESTED IN WHAT YA LIKE.
EVIDENTLY.
BUT, I WILL GIVE YA ONE OTHER PIECE O' GOOD NEWS --
EXACTLY? I "WANT" YA TO INVESTIGATE --
-- AND, IF HOSTILE --
--NEUTRALIZE.

YOUR GALS ARE ALREADY INTO IT!
HELLCAT? DO YOU SEE?
COMING DOWN FROM THE SHIP!
FOLLOW MY LEAD, WANDA.
LET'S SEE IF HE CAME IN PEACE --
AND AS IF IN ANSWER --
-- A MERE GESTURE.
AHHHKK
VILLAIN!
WOULDST THOU STRIKE ONLY AT WOMEN AND BABES --
-- NOW THAT THEE MUST CONFRONT --
--THE MIGHTY AVENGERS!
HAWKEYE, CAN YOU GET A CLEAN SHOT?
PIECE O' CAKE.

LOOK, IT'S THE AVENGERS!
GET BACK PEOPLE. AND GIVE 'EM SOME ROOM!
CAPTAIN AMERICA 'S GONNA HANDLE THIS GUY
I BELIEVE THE COLLOQUIALISM FOR THIS TIME PERIOD S --
-- "YOUR MOVE."
THOU DIDST ATTACK WITHOUT PROVOCATION.
IF THOU WISHES FOR ONLY BATTLE --
-- THEN, THE GOD OF THUNDER WILL MERRILY GRANT THY WISH.
TENFOLD!
INTERLUDE
IN A PLACE THAT IS NEITHER HERE.
NOR THERE
OH, SPARE ME
EVEN IN THIS LIMBO .. I CAN HEAR MY DIM-WITTED HALF-BROTHER BOASTING.
THEN, WHAT BE YOUR ANSWER, LOK?
IS THERE A BARGAIN TO BE STRUCK BETWEEN US?

A BARGA N

THAT THOU WILT TAKE US FROM THIS HELLISH PLACE

BACK TO MIDGARD SO THAT I MIGHT EXACT *PUNISHMENT* UPON THE ACCURSED THOR --

-- AND THESE SO-CALLED *AVENGERS.*

SAVE FOR THE YOUNG SORCERESS THOU MAY DO WITH THE REST OF THEM AS THOU PLEASE

WHY NOT, ENCHANTRESS?

THE PRINCE OF LIES HAST SOLD HIS *IMMORTAL SOUL* FOR LESS..

SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS.

IN A HOUSE THAT THE CHILDREN SAY IS HAUNTED.

AND WHERE CHILDREN SOMETIMES KNOW THE TRUTH.

ARE YOU HUNGRY, *AGAIN,* EBONY?

HONESTLY, THERE ARE TIMES WHEN YOU ACT LIKE A REAL CAT

NNGGNN!

WANDA.

AGATHA!

AGATHA.

I'VE BEEN ONE FOR SO LONG, I'M STARTING TO FEEL LIKE ONE.

WANDA WILL BE IN GRAVE DANGER.

NEW YORK CITY NOW

TASTE THE POWER OF MJOLNIR

NO

IF HE CAN STOP *THE HAMMER*, WE'RE GOING TO NEED SOME HELP.

HAWKEYE, SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT FREEING UP *WANDA*.

SHE BROUGHT DOWN LOKI, MAYBE SHE CAN DO THE SAME HERE.

SWORDSMAN—?

WE NEED A DISTRACTION--

-- AND I'M ALREADY ON IT, SIR!

F

I'M GOING TO HOLD MY OWN ON THIS TEAM. I NEED TO SHOW A LITTLE *INITIATIVE.*

NO WAIT --

EH?

MERE KNIVES?

CHILD'S PLAY

THOR! HOLD BACK! WE NEED TO REGROUP —

DO WHAT THOU MUST, CAPTAIN

BUT, NO BEING, *MORTAL OR GOD,* MAY TAKE THE FABLED MJOLNIR FROM MY SIDE --

-- AND NOT RUE THE DAY!

BOOM

IF I HAVE TO BRING DOWN THE HEAVENS THEMSELVES UPON HIM!

FANG FANG FANG

NOTH N'

FANG FANG

HAWKEYE, DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME HERE! THE OTHERS NEED YOU!

HEY, SPEAK FOR YOURSELF I WANT OUT!

DO YOU HAVE A PLAN OF ACTION, COMMANDER?

I DO, VIS ON

AND WHEN TH S IS OVER THERE ARE GO NG TO BE SOME CHANGES AROUND HERE

ABOVE THE BATTLEFIELD.

A WATCHER WATCHES.

THIS S BAD BAD VERY BAD.

GENTLEMEN THERE MAY ONLY BE *THREE* OF US LEFT BUT, WE ARE GOING TO DO OURSELVES *PROUD*.

FOR *TODAY* IS THE DAY WE *EARN* THE NAME *AVENGERS!*

TRIED EVERYTHING ELSE
LET'S SEE WHAT A LITTLE H_2O DOES
KZING
SLOSH
FIXXL SPRARKK
?
TOYS
VISION HIS FORCE FIELD IS DOWN, GO!
DESPITE YOUR ACTIONS, I WISH YOU NO HARM
BUT, BY PHASING THROUGH YOU IT WILL CAUSE SOME DISCOMFORT.

TRRCH!
WHAROOM
HARDLY
SHIP COMMENCE FIRING
AND THEN THERE WAS ONE.
I DD NOT KNOWEST MY FALLEN COMRADES FOR VERY LONG, BJT --

-- I WILL HAVE YOUR BLOOD FOR SPILLING THEIRS!

SHIP!

PHOOO

COLONEL FURY. Um, SIR.

THE AVENGERS HAVE BEEN, Um, *DEFEATED.*

SON. JUST BECAUSE I'VE GOT *ONE EYE,* DOESN'T MEAN I *CAN'T* SEE.

AND NOW, THANKS TO THE *BLASTED* MEDIA, SO WILL THE *REST* OF THE WORLD.

THIS IS *RACHEL HAWKINS, LIVE* FROM CENTRAL PARK —

-- WHERE *"THE MIGHTY AVENGERS"* --

--INCLUDING THE POPULAR *"CAPTAIN AMERICA"*--

-- HAVE BEEN TAKEN *PRISONER* ABOARD THE *ALLEGED* ALIEN SPACE CRAFT —

S.H.I.E.L.D. HQ.

SELLARS!

YES, SIR, COLONEL FURY, *SIR.*

I WANT THAT *QUARTET OF MONKEYS* IN HERE!

WHO, SIR?

THE *FANTASTIC FOUR!* YOU CHOWDER-HEAD!

THEY'RE, Um, OTHERWISE ENGAGED, SIR.*

PEACHY.

* I'LL SAY! CHECK OUT [illegible]--ASM.

ABOARD THE SHIP.

THE HAMMER.

THE SHIELD.

THE SWORDS.

THE BOW.

THE MACHINE.

AND AS IF THAT WERE *NOT* ENOUGH...

...*THE GOD*, THE *SORCERESS* AND THE OTHER FOUR HUMANS.

THE AVENGERS THEMSELVES.

BELOW.

ALL RIGHT, YA *GOLDBRICKS.*

WE'LL DO THIS THE *OLD-FASHIONED* WAY.

WE'RE GOIN' IN OURSELVES --

-- OR WE *DIE TRYIN!*

ABOVE.

WHO *ELSE* WOULD BESTOW YOU WITH *SUCH GIFTS?*

WHO ELSE WOULD *DESTROY* HIS *PLANET* FOR YOU?

EVEN WIPE OUT THIS ENTIRE INSIGNIFICANT *ERA?*

ONLY *ME...*

KANG
THE CONQUEROR.

AND DO I DO THIS FOR *REVENGE?*

EGO?

GREED?

NO. I DO THIS OUT OF *LOVE.*

FOR *YOU* --

MY BELOVED MANTIS!

INDEED.

NEXT

31ST CENTURY NIGHTMARE!